

ALABAMA BOARD OF NURSING

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**RSA Plaza Suite 350
Montgomery, Alabama**

March 20, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER EMERGENCY MEETING

A. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by teleconference on Friday, March 20, 2020.

The following members were present: Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA, President called in at 9:55 a.m.; Valorie Dearmon, RN, DNP, NEA-BC, Vice-President called in at 9:56 a.m.; Victoria Hill, MSN, RN, Secretary called in at 9:57 a.m.; Cara Floyd, LPN called in at 9:57 a.m.; Martha Houston, Consumer called in at 10:00 a.m.; Gabriel Sapalaran, BSN, RN called in at 9:58 a.m.; Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP, FAANP called in at 9:57 a.m.; Gladys Hill, MSN, RN called in at 9:57 a.m.; Cynthia Buford, LPN called in at 10:00 a.m.; Louise O'Keefe, PhD, CRNP, CNE called in at 10:03 a.m. and Executive Officer, Peggy Benson. ABN Board Members absent during teleconference call were Peggie Carpenter, BA, LPN; Janice Seip, CRNA and Cherry Rodgers, LPN.

Staff members attending the teleconference were: Honor Ingels, Chief Policy Office/Chief Communications Officer, Alice Maples Henley, Deputy Attorney General/General Counsel, Brad Jones, IT Programmer Analyst Associate and Tonya Smith, Executive Secretary/Recorder.

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with nine Board Members present for the teleconference on March 20, 2020.

C. Oath of Office (GS)

On March 20, 2020, Ms. Benson let Mr. Gabriel Sapalaran in the Oath of Office. A written "Oath of Office" was provided to him for signature.

D. Statement of Compliance with Open Meetings Act and in compliance with the Governors March 18th proclamation in response to COVID 19

E. Review of Emergency Agenda

1. Additions, Modifications, Reordering

On March 20, 2020, Dr. Baker moved, by teleconference, that the Board adopt the Emergency Consent Agenda. Ms. Gladys Hill seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Cara Floyd, Martha Houston, Gabriel Sapalaran, Ms. Cynthia Buford, Ms. Louise O'Keefe, Dr. Valorie Dearmon and Ms. Victoria Hill approving.

II. EO Update, Board responses to COVID 19

Ms. Benson discussed the Board's response, including reduced staffing and communication, to COVID 19. The EO stated that Tennessee and Florida have implemented independent practice for APRNs and that she will develop an graduated independent practice draft bill for submission to key legislatures and the Governor's office for future reference, should the healthcare crisis deepen.

III. Emergency Rules

A. APPROVE 610-X-4-.19 ER Temporary Provisions related to Outbreak of COVID 19

Mr. Ingels presented proposed Emergency Rule 610-X-4-.19ER - Temporary Provisions Related to Outbreak of COVID 19. Upon review Dr. Dearmon proposed an amendment to prohibit delegation of any task requiring a standardized procedure.

On March 20, 2020, Dr. Dearmon by teleconference moved that the Board approve the 610-X-4-.19ER - Temporary Provisions Related to Outbreak of COVID 19, as amended. Ms. Floyd seconded. Motion carried with Ms. Victoria Hill, Ms. Louise O'Keefe, Ms. Cynthia Buford, Ms. Gladys Hill, Dr. Baker, Mr. Gabriel Sapalaran and Ms. Martha Houston approving.

IV. Next Meeting April 7, 2020 at 0830 RSA Plaza Suite 350

V. ADJOURNMENT

The ABN Board meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Cheryl Bailey, BSN, MBA

Victoria Hill, MSN, RN

President

Secretary

Submitted by: _____
Tonya Smith Recorder 03/20